

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 16, 1999

**FROM:**       **RAYMOND B. WINGERD**, Chief Probation Officer  
                  Probation Department

**SUBJECT:**   SUBMISSION OF \$23,033,872 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF  
                  CORRECTIONS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE JUVENILE AND ADULT  
                  LOCAL DETENTION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS FUND

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve Grant Application to the Board of Corrections for \$23,033,872 in grant funds through the Juvenile and Adult Local Detention Facility Construction Grants for construction of High Desert juvenile facilities.
2. Approve submission of Grant Application.
3. Adopt Resolution as required in the Grant Application.
4. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the Grant Application on behalf of the County.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The County provides no juvenile in-custody booking or holding facilities in the High Desert communities. When an arresting agency makes the decision to transport a juvenile offender to Central Juvenile Hall they have committed staff and resources for a 74 to 180 mile round trip which will require 3 to 6 hours of officer down time. Law enforcement agencies are routinely challenged by decisions to transport juvenile offenders to Central Juvenile Hall or to provide patrol and investigative functions in their respective communities. The decision is further exacerbated by the reality that crowded conditions at Juvenile Hall may result in the early release of the offender back into the community.

Since the late 1980's, the County has been challenged to provide adequate juvenile detention bed space. By 1998, overpopulation at the Central Juvenile Hall, the only County juvenile booking and intake facility, was routinely exceeding the population of 240 authorized by the Board of Corrections, by 150-200 youth each day.

A recent Juvenile Needs Assessment completed by Rosser International on March 1, 1999, estimates that by the year 2000, 28% of the offender population detained at the Central Juvenile Hall facility in San Bernardino will be made up of youth from the High Desert communities. According to the study the County needs 828 youth offender detention beds by the year 2010 and 235 of these beds should be located in the High Desert.

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The study by Rosser International also recommends the collocation of new County Courts, the Sheriff's jail and field support divisions, and Probation detention, court services and filed services divisions at a proposed High Desert Justice Center.

On November 12, 1998, the Board of Corrections issued a Request for Proposal to solicit written proposals from counties for the renovation and or construction of local adult and juvenile facilities. Combining available State and Federal funding the Request for Proposals offers a total of \$177,437,630 for juvenile detention facilities statewide.

The Probation Department grant submission requests funding to construct a 232 bed juvenile detention facility in the High Desert. If funding is approved by the Board of Corrections this facility would serve as the anchor for future development of a High Desert Law and Justice Center, partially mitigate the County's need for new juvenile detention beds and provide much needed services to the communities in the High Desert.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Art Gomez) on March 4, 1999, by County Counsel (Kevin Norris) on March 4, 1999, and by Architecture & Engineering (Ken Taylor) on March 4, 1999.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The total project cost is \$31,002,994. This includes a County "Cash (hard) Match", of \$3,320,768 and an "In-kind (soft) Match" of \$4,298,354.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First District

**PRESENTER:** Raymond B. Wingerd, Chief Probation Officer